

AERIAL DETECTION SURVEY, 2017 LOS PADRES NATIONAL FOREST

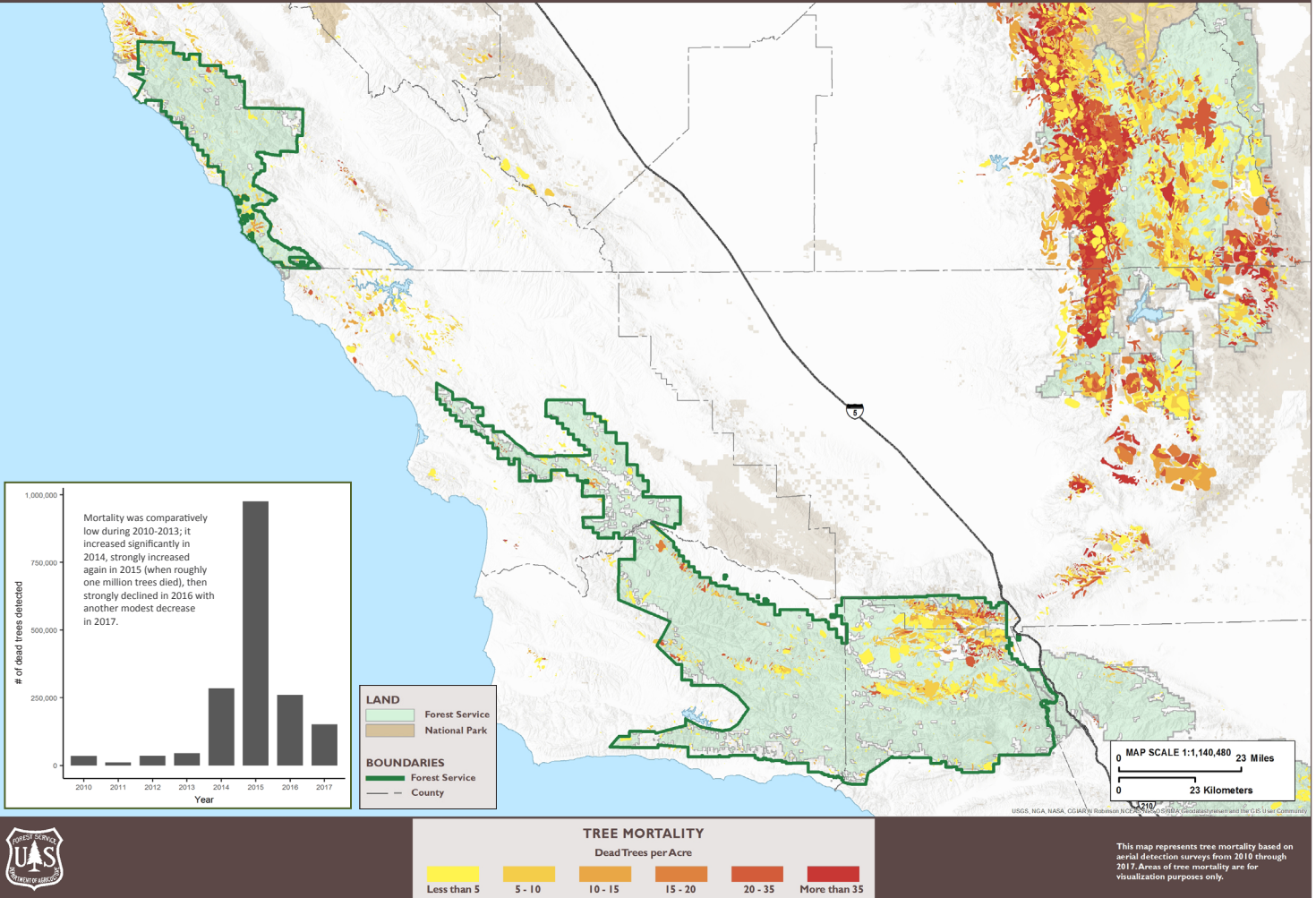


This map represents tree mortality based on 2017 aerial detection surveys. Areas of tree mortality are for visualization purposes only.



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Highlights

- Overall mortality was less than half that of 2016 estimates from 260,000 dead trees down to 114,000 in 2017. Acres affected fell from more 38,000 to just over 23,000.
- White fir mortality dramatically declined from approximately 137,000 dead trees in 2016 to less than 5,000 in 2017.
- In contrast, Jeffrey pine mortality increased substantially from an estimated 36,000 dead trees in 2016 to almost 120,000 in 2017.
- Coulter pine mortality was reduced from an estimated 56,000 trees killed in 2016 to less than 6,500 dead trees in 2017.
- Singleleaf pinyon mortality increased from 2,700 dead trees in 2016 to almost 5,400 in 2017.
- Interior live oak mortality plummeted from an estimated almost 19,000 trees killed in 2016 to less than ten in 2017.



Older and more recent Coulter pine mortality along Pine Ridge. After several years of drought, the pine component of many areas has been eliminated or greatly reduced often converting pine oak woodland habitat type into oak woodland habitat type.